

WOMEN PIONEERS ON THE FRONTIERS.

Their Work in Taming the Wild
Places of the Country.

OUTLAWS ROUTED BY THEM.

Side by Side of Their Husbands in
the Mad Rush for Land in Okla-
homa—Their Influence in Bringing
in the Clergymen—Fear No Work.

In late years women have come into
frontier life more prominently than in
generally known. In a great measure
they have been responsible for taming
most of the once noted bad men.

As the great West is being opened to
settlement more every year, one sees the
frontier, with its outlaws, gamblers, and
saloon, slip further into the great un-
known. A few years hence, the cowboys
say, there will be no frontiers, as there
are today large cattle ranches. An in-
dustrious element of Americans who
have terror for nothing so long as there is
money to be made, have invaded the fron-
tier and captured it.

But not without the women; the quiet
and gentle type who would as soon talk
with a bad man as to her own husband,
so far as fearing them is concerned. It
is wonderful how woman will shrink as
in dread when she reads long accounts of
the doings on the frontier, but when she
is brought face to face with them she will
not display—nor feel, for that matter—any
more emotion than when she meets the
ordinary man who cannot even handle a
six-shooter.

Settlement of Oklahoma.

Into the hot, dusty towns of Oklahoma
have emigrated women upon whose faces
anyone could read refinement. First op-
erations of the practical were to have the
die of loneliness leave the community
before a week's end. They were much
surprised when they did neither, but re-
mained and accomplished their purpose—
that of making the town a fit place to
live in.

In the settlement of Oklahoma women
played a most important part. The land
there was given away to those who were
fleetest of foot or who rode the swiftest
horses. In the mad, wild race were many
women. Some came from the large de-
partment stores of the East, others from
quiet country towns, and even others from
the city. All were anxious to make a
fortune alone and in a new country.

Stories in the despatches were, of
course, read and discussed; the manner
in which such a bad man would treat
them were they face to face with him,
was turned over and analyzed by the
pretty clerk. All were anxious to make
a fortune alone and in a new country.

The Rush for Land.

Again, in a majority of instances, too,
the woman who invaded the Oklahoma
frontier came with her husband and his
family. He had just lost a fortune in
some wild speculation, and was deter-
mined to get a free home in the West.
Some had had no fortune to lose and
wished to secure one. They consulted
their wives. Few spurned the proposition.
Camping with the multitude along the
border was a most unpleasant task.
Cooking in the open, sleeping in cov-
ered wagons (prairie schooners), and
during all the distasteful manners of the
drunken cow-puncher and homesteader,
was surely enough to make them wish
their trip had never been undertaken.

None ever turned their backs upon the
golden future, however. The prospect of
a quarter section of land, all their own,
was something which appealed strongly.
To let it slip was not to be considered.

And then came the race—a wild, mad
rush for land, in which everybody sought
to outdo his neighbor by stealth or day-
ing, he cared not. Thousands crowded
along the dead line, and at a shot from
the soldiers they were off, in wagons,
on horseback, bicycles, trains, and every-
thing that would go. The ones who had
fast mounts, and who were able to out-
step the competitors, stopped and set fire to
the tall grass. The flames caused death to
many. But the women fared about as
well as the men.

Woman the Winner.

The husband, driving, depended upon
the wife to leap at first call, set her
stake on a corner, and hold firmly to it
while he unhitched and plowed a line
around his new home. Those who came
alone depended upon their nerve to hold
the claim upon which they staked, and
in the thousands of contests which fol-
lowed as to who was the first settler, the
woman in six cases out of eight came out
winner.

Months of hard work, loneliness, and
suffering followed the woman's advent into
border life. Then she found that her ef-
forts to raise a crop of Sunday school
scholars is bearing fruit, a minister has
consented to visit the neighborhood once
every two weeks, and a song book has
found many readers. The first Sunday
service on the border brings a motley
crowd. One may sit next to a killer of
men, who has done time for train robbery,
or a fugitive from justice come
thicker to conceal his identity and get a
fresh start.

Conversions are brought about by the
evangelist, who holds services in a tent
and whose circuit includes some of the
toughest communities on the frontier, and
are always lasting. A man will come into
a new country who has never been inside
church, but he readily turns his atten-
tion to the service in a tent. He may be
impressed with the words of the evan-
gelist and turn his life into the narrow
pathway. Some of our worst sinners have
been reformed by these prairie sermons,
which, though coarse of construction, are
deep of meaning.

The Minister's Mainstay.

The woman can be credited for it all.
She first brings the minister to her com-
munity by assuring him that she will
get enough to pay his expenses and that
he will not be neglected. For devout
cowpunchers are apt to make it hot for
the preacher who they think is trying to
tame their community. If a woman of the
settlement introduces him to the congrega-
tion it sets things right.

Some towns are harder to civilize than
others. A new town in the Cherokee Out-
let grew to 200 souls without a woman—
mean the woman whose life is pure and
upright, for there are others who have
forsaken all that is good, and they may
be found everywhere. This town is now
one of the most thriving and cultured
communities of that Territory. But a
year elapsed before a woman dared ven-
ture in.

One day, when the stage coach drew
up, the wife of a leading saloonkeeper
slighted and Tom announced from behind
the bar that night that she had come to
stay. He set up the drinks to the crowd,
but they did not congratulate him. In-
stead they met in a gambling hall and
decided to boycott his place until he had
sent his wife away, which he learned of it,
of course, with his heart set on the
dollar, he told her to go. She went.

The Toughs Quit.

Not until that saloonkeeper was shot in
a midnight brawl would they allow his
wife to return to him. When they saw
how tenderly she nursed him back to life,
and with what gentleness she spoke to
them, their hearts melted and the tough-

est cowboy in the town addressed a meet-
ing one night in this wise:

"Boys, we will have to surrender. I am
going to pack my saddlebags and pull
out for the Indian country and give this
town over to the women and their kind.
It is not for me to stay here." and he
went to his room and gave up the place
to the women.

Many claims have been settled by
women and cultivated in a manner beyond
belief. In Kay County, one of the richest
in the Cherokee Outlet, the women who
arm constitute fully one-tenth of the
farming population. Of that number half
own their own farms.

The new Kiowa and Comanche country
—the latest adjunct to the border—is be-
ing settled by homesteaders, and among
that number are women from all parts of
the United States. Some are barely of
age, who seek to enjoy the free life of
farming, who fear no work, and who be-
lieve that culture was not intended alone
for those who live indoors.—New York
Times.

TOES FOR SHOULDER STRAP.
Lieutenant Johnson's Sacrifice of
Two Deformed Members.

Lieutenant Johnson began his career as
a private in Company F, First Minn-
nesota National Guard, in which capacity
he served in the war with Spain. Sub-
sequently he went to the Philippines and
became a corporal and then a lieutenant.
Recently he was mustered out at San Francisco, but applied
for an examination for a commission in
the regular army.

Unfortunately for the young man's am-
bition he was burdened with two de-
formed toes. On this the army surgeon
declared him "unfit," said Johnson,
"you'd just reject a man with eight
perfect toes instead of ten?"

They told him that no toes were better
than crooked ones. The applicant at
once had the deformed members cut off,
and when the wounds healed presented
himself to the examiners, who forthwith
accepted him. He now wears the cap-
tains of Uncle Sam.—Chicago Record
Herald.

FACE REMODELED
WHILE YOU WAIT.
NEW BEAUTY FACTORY IN VIENNA

Short Noses Elongated and Retreated.
Long Chins Bulged Out—Injections
of Paraffin Effect the
Transformation.

Persons whose features are not all they
desire may find some hope of future
beauty in the announcement from Vienna
that paraffin is being used in that city to
correct facial irregularities due to lack
of bone. The paraffin in a melted state is
injected with a syringe, and settles upon
the bone, becoming an addition to it. While
still warm it is molded with deft
fingers, and the person who goes into his
physician's office for a short nose or a
retracing chin comes out with his face
built up to suit him.

Physicians of scientific attainment are
inclined to regard with scorn any practice
which has for its sole object the increase
of beauty. So very naturally those ques-
tioned today about this subject refuse to
let their names be used in connection
with their remarks upon what they con-
sider a very frivolous matter.

Unlimited Possibilities.
"There is no doubt but that the build-
ing up of bones by the use of paraffin is
practical to a considerable degree," was
the declaration of one doctor. "The in-
jection of paraffin need not be followed by
any ill results, either—I mean in the way
of inflammation. The possibilities of
making over faces by the application of
paraffin are almost limitless. It is not at
all unlikely, however, that the possessor
of a wax nose, for instance, might dis-
cover it to be rather an unstable piece
of property."

Another physician found food for his
humor in the subject, and supplies there
is no reason to doubt the correctness of
the report," said he, "but think of the
disasters that might befall a paraffin chin
or nose. Suppose the owner of such a
nose goes into a football game. His best
friends would recognize him when he
comes out. And suppose a man with a
wax chin falls asleep in his chair. When
he awakes he'll probably find that his
chin has melted and has moved down to
the region of his Adam's apple."

A Professional Explanation.
The Vienna correspondent of the "Med-
ical Record" describes the method of in-
jecting the paraffin as follows:

"The practice consists in the subcutane-
ous injection of a preparation of paraf-
fin over long excavations which have
resulted either after operation or from
disease of from congenital causes."

"The injection of paraffin has been ac-
complished now frequently for saddle-
nose with most remarkable results, and
as I have seen, with absolute correction of
the deformity. The needle is inserted
over the glabella and is then passed down
to the lowest point of the excavation, and
as the preparation is being slowly injected
the needle is slowly withdrawn, care be-
ing exerted that the injection infiltrates
only the subcutaneous connective tissue.
With the fingers of the left hand, and
while still warm, the paraffin is molded."

No Resulting Irritation.
"Practically no irritation occurs either
as an immediate or subsequent result,
those cases which have been observed now
for over a year show a perfect tolerance
on the part of the tissues and a permanent
correction of the deformity."

"The same procedure has been accom-
plished after operation for disease of the
maxilla, but with less success, but I be-
lieve it is adaptable to many other de-
formities which hitherto have remained un-
corrected. The preparation is made by mix-
ing together the solid and the soft paraf-
fin of commerce until a mixture is ob-
tained which has a melting point of 41
degrees C. The paraffin is then sterilized
and with gentle warming becomes suffi-
ciently fluid to use in a syringe. Speed-
less to say, it is well to warm the syringe
also, and for this purpose hot water an-
swers every requisite."—New York Com-
mercial Advertiser.

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CAPT. GEO. MUSHBACH OF ALEXANDRIA DEAD.

WELL-KNOWN VIRGINIA JURIST.

Death Was Unexpected, Although
His Illness Was of Long Stand-
ing—Local News and
Gossip.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 28.—Capt.
George A. Mushbach, former State Sena-
tor, and one of the best known lawyers
in the State, died at 11 o'clock last night
at his home, 418 North Washington Street,
after a lingering illness. He suffered a
stroke of paralysis about a year ago,
and since that time had not been in good
health, although not confined to his bed.
Notwithstanding the fact that he had
been ill for some time, his death was
somewhat unexpected and a surprise to
his friends. Captain Mushbach was fifty-
two years of age, and is survived only
by his widow. The funeral will take
place from his late residence Monday
morning at 11 o'clock.

Captain Mushbach was born in New
Jersey in 1850, and was a grandson of the
late Senator Edmull of New Jersey, who
was owner of Edmull's Hill, near this
city. He came to Alexandria when a boy,
with his mother, brother, and sister, and
had since made this city his home. He
received his education at Rutgers Col-
lege, at Brunswick, N. J., where he gradu-
ated at an early age. Soon after he
took up his abode in this city he began
to study law under the late Col. Francis
L. Smith, and in the year 1871 was ad-
mitted to the bar.

After securing a lucrative law prac-
tice, Captain Mushbach turned his at-
tention to politics. As a politician he
was honored with several high offices of
trust. In the Legislature he proved to be
the greatest logician and won
for himself a host of friends. He
was elected a State Senator from the
fourteenth district, and his election was
almost unanimous. In 1891 he took his
seat in that body and served four years.
Captain Mushbach had a military record
equal to any in the State. He was
captain of the Alexandria Light Infantry
for a period of ten years, and took charge
of that company in the year 1881. It
having, under him, the record of being
one of the best drilled companies in the
State.

Among other honors conferred upon him
was that of being a member of the board
of visitors to the deaf, dumb, and blind
institution of the State, at Staunton,
which he held for five consecutive years.
He was also a member of the board of
visitors to Mount Vernon, and at one
time was prominently spoken of as a
candidate for Attorney General of the
State and United States Congressman
from this district.

The deceased was also a prominent
Mason.
The members of the local Bar Associ-
ation met at 3 o'clock this afternoon in

the law office of Judge J. K. M. Norton
to take action regarding the death of the
deceased. Col. Frank L. Smith was
elected chairman, and Gardner L. Bouche
secretary. All expressed profound sor-
row at the death of their comrade. Upon
motion of Judge J. K. M. Norton the fol-
lowing were appointed to draft suitable
draft resolutions in memory of the de-
ceased: K. Kemper, John M. Johnson,
and James H. Caton. The members of the
Bar Association decided to attend the
funeral services in a body Monday morn-
ing.

The veterans of the Alexandria Light
Infantry will meet in their armory to-
morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to take
action regarding his death. All former
members of the company of this city and
Washington are invited to be present.
The members of the Bachelors' Club, of
which the deceased was a member, will
also meet and take action regarding his
death.

The members of the present Alexandria
Light Infantry met at 8 o'clock tonight in
Armory Hall to take suitable action re-
garding his death. Lieut. T. R. Cochran,
and since that time had not been in good
health, although not confined to his bed.
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been ill for some time, his death was
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his friends. Captain Mushbach was fifty-
two years of age, and is survived only
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place from his late residence Monday
morning at 11 o'clock.

A special musical programme will be
rendered tomorrow morning in the Meth-
odist Episcopal Church South. It is as fol-
lows: "Sing, Oh Sing, This Blessed
Morn'g," "Frey," "Christians, Awake, Salute
The Happy Morn'g," "Schnecker," "We Have
Seen His Star in the East," "Simper," "The
Hush of Night Hath Fallen," "Spence," solo,
"O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Schnecker."
Chorus: "The Day After Tomorrow," Misses
Watkins and Lindsay, and Mrs. Brawner;
soprano, Misses Driscoll, Pollard and Cockey;
tenors, Messrs. Wilkins, Netherland and
Ockler; baritone, Messrs. Dier, Dier, Dier,
Gaines and Myers; organist, Miss
Alice Thomas. The choir will be under
the direction of H. K. Field.

The Rev. W. J. Maybee, State Superin-
tendent of the Children's Home Society,
of Virginia, is in this city for the pur-
pose of organizing a local advisory board
of that society. The object of the or-
ganization is to find good homes for
homeless, dependent, or grossly abused
poor children in the State of Virginia. He
will explain the aims of the society in a
short address during the service at St.
Paul's Episcopal Church tomorrow morn-
ing, and will meet those who are inter-
ested in the mission Monday morning at
10:30 o'clock at the rooms of the Busi-
ness Men's League, corner of King and
Washington Streets.

In the Corporation Court today the
will of the late George A. Apple was
admitted to probate. The deceased left
his property to his widow, Mrs. Annie M.
Apple, at her death to be divided equally
among his three children. His widow was
appointed executrix and guardian of his
children, and this morning she gave bond
without surety. The will was dated De-
cember 16, 1898.

The will of the late Anthony W. Arm-
strong, dated January 1, 1891, was also
admitted to probate in the same court
this morning. Mr. Armstrong left his
three sisters the sum of \$200 apiece, and
the residue of his estate to be equally
divided between his widow and two chil-
dren. He appointed his widow, Mrs.
Jesse R. Armstrong, as executrix, and

this morning she gave bond in the sum
of \$25,000 without surety.

The regular quarterly meeting of the
Free Methodist Church, on South Lee
Street, commenced tonight with the Rev.
George Bakins, of P. J. Adolph, in charge.
Services will be held at 11 o'clock tomor-
row morning, and at 8:30 o'clock there
will be a "love feast." There will also be
services at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The funeral of the late Elijah Ben-
son, whose death occurred last Wednes-
day night, took place at 10 o'clock this
morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church,
and was attended by a number of relatives
and friends of the deceased. The inter-
ment was made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

A shifting engine on the Southern road
this morning struck a buggy driven by Dr.
T. Milton Hopkins, colored, at Wilkes
and Alfred Streets. The vehicle was al-
most demolished, but the occupant es-
caped without injury, although his horse
was slightly injured.

The Sunday school of Grace Episcopal
Church last night at 7:30 o'clock held its
Christmas entertainment in that church,
when a special literary and musical pro-
gramme was rendered, after which candy
and other favors were awarded to the
pupils.

The Ladies' Card Club were handsomely
entertained at the residence of Mrs. Henry
P. Robinson last night. The prizes were
won by Miss Ethyle Harrison, of Cali-
fornia, and Mrs. W. R. Purvis.

In the Corporation Court today the Rev.
L. W. Dixon, of the Episcopal Theological
Seminary, was granted permission to
celebrate the rites of matrimony in this
State.

The old organ in St. Mary's Catholic
Church is being removed, and a new and
more modern instrument will be placed
in its stead.

Miss Annie Beverly, of Orange, Va., and
Miss Alice Haxley, of Charleston, W. Va.,
are visiting Miss Helen Wood, of 209
North Columbus Street.

Miss Reba Barrett, who has been visit-
ing Miss Annie Fleming, in Frederick-
burg, Va., has returned to her home in
this city.

Miss Bell Dainfield last night enter-
tained a number of her little friends at
her home on North Washington Street.

John H. Edell, formerly of Alexandria,
but now of Maryland, is visiting relatives
and friends in this city.

The condition of Craig Ansley, of 813
Prime Street, who has been seriously ill
for some time past with pneumonia, re-
mains unimproved.

Capt. William H. Smith is very ill at
his home on North Alfred Street.

Alton W. Moore is seriously ill with
pneumonia.

Barry F. Wheat, who has been ill with
pneumonia, is convalescing.

Henry H. Kelly is visiting his mother
in Lynchburg, Va.

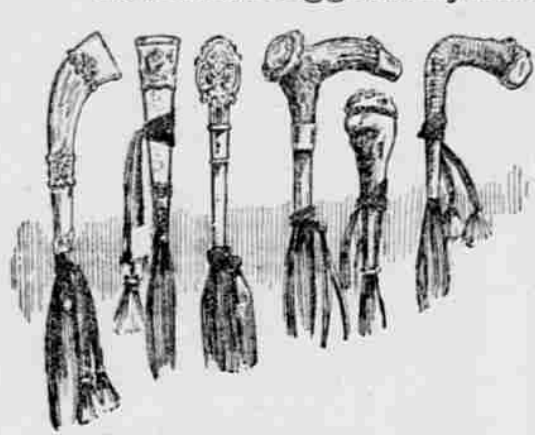
Miss Mary Stratton, of Lynchburg, Va.,
is spending the holidays with relatives in
this city.

The Christmas music will be repeated
in several of the churches tomorrow.

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—The balance of the Christmas Stock of Umbrellas
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genius is in them. The handles
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ing trusted to experts. We can
go further with them than any-
one who ever sold you an um-
brella. The silk in the cover is
guaranteed not to wear or
crack within a year. You buy
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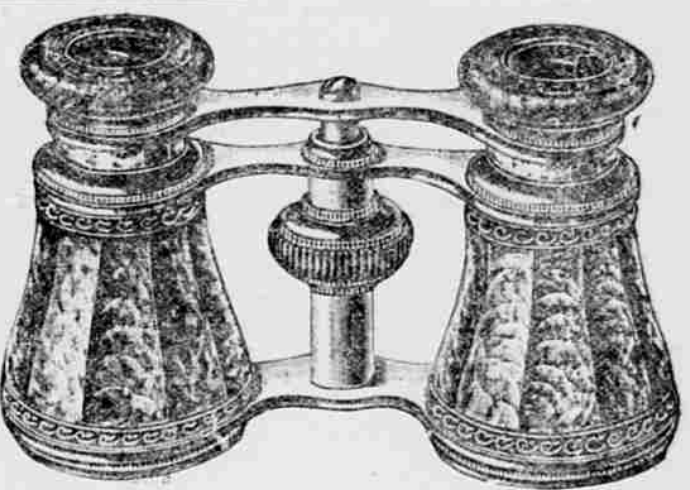
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tations. The finest
glasses that Paris pro-
duces—that means the
finest in the world.

—There's hardly a limit
to the styles—Pearl,
Enamel, Gold, Sil-
ver, Cloisonne and all
the rest.

—Of course, plush or
silk bags go with them
free.



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GOAT'S DIET OF RAZORS.

New Jersey Animal Nearly Bank-
rupts the Village Barber.

PERSONAL—Will party who left goat in care
of Joe Williams, of Third Street, Harrison, two
weeks ago, please call for it. Joe Williams, 3
North Third Street, Harrison.

The above personal appeared in the
Harrison paper yesterday, and now Wil-
liams' goat is the joke of the town. Jo-
seph Williams is a barber in this place,
and is now in possession of a black goat
with an appetite that would turn a Har-
lem billy green with envy.

Two weeks ago an Italian walked into
Williams' shop, followed by a most sagacious-
looking black billy goat. The Italian
said that the animal had followed him
from Kearny, and asked the barber to
harbor the goat till his owner came for
him.

Williams looked at the goat; the animal
looked wise, and Williams took him.
Ever since he has been looking for the
owner, for "Billy" has a stomach like an
astronaut. First the cheese disappeared,
then the clippers, and finally, to save
down the repeat, the animal stole the
witchhazel.

Williams threatens to sell the goat to a
junk dealer if the owner doesn't turn up
soon.—Philadelphia North American.

Walter Damrosch as Drummer.

A good story is told of Mr. Damrosch
during his recent visit with the Grau
company to San Francisco. He was sit-
ting in a box at the performance of "Le
Nozze di Figaro" when the musician who
was to have played the drum was taken
ill and had to leave the theatre. In de-
spair, Signor Sepilli, who was conducting,
sent for Mr. Damrosch to ask if he knew
where a substitute could be found. Mr.
Damrosch said that he did, and promised
to have the man in the orchestra before
the third act began. When the conductor
reached his desk his first look was toward
the drummer's chair. In it was seated
Mr. Damrosch, and he remained there until
the end of the opera, playing the drum
part in the score.—Indianapolis News.

Mangled Brakeman's Bargain.

(New York Tribune.)
John Higgins, a brakeman, who had
both legs cut off in an accident near Em-
poria, Kan., last September, has made a
rather curious settlement with the rail-
road company. He is to be taught tele-
graphy at the company's expense, and is to
have employment for life. He is also to
be provided with a pair of cork legs.—New
York Tribune.

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TAPESTRY BRUSSELS, per yard 45c
Velvet, Moquette, and Axminster, per yard 60c
9x12 Tapestry Brussels Rugs, new designs, worth \$18, for \$14.

WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, full 11-4, worth \$5, for \$3 pair.
GREY BLANKETS, worth \$3.50, for \$1.75 pair.

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to everybody. The heat is "on" or "off" with the touch
of a finger—no coal—no ashes—and no dirt. Here are two
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(round wicks) and non-smok-
ing device.

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Open-face Gas Radiators, \$3.25 All-steel Gas Radiators, \$3.50